

## Using The Learning Network of Vermont

The Learning Network of VT (LNV) is a school-based video-conferencing system. The LNV supports school-to-school collaborations, virtual field trips, distance learning opportunities, and access to meetings/trainings for staff members. The LNV upgrade of August 2009 increased capacity and stability of the video conferencing network for participating schools. The upgrade included new hardware for participating LNV sites, updates to the infrastructure in Montpelier, a firewall traversal system, a shared desktop suite, and capacity to support webcams within the system. Many schools in Vermont have access via either a full Polycom camera or desktop webcam. Find out what schools in your area have this valuable resource.

Technical support is provided by Northeast Computer Systems in Lyndonville, VT. Northeast Computer Systems staff also facilitates the educational use of the system via logistical support and managing instructional resources such as the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration content dollar bank (<http://www.cilc.org>). The Vermont Department of Education provides additional pedagogical and logistical support for schools participating in the LNV. Title IID Federal funds support the LNV.

Schools on LNV have:

- A video-conferencing camera and associated monitor;
- Access to the Scopia shared desktop server, which allows for the real-time sharing of presentations and documents to remote locations;
- Access to meeting scheduling software that allows for users to schedule video conferencing connections with remote locations; and
- Access to funds banked with the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration. These funds support highly interactive, live virtual field trips from over 200 content providers.

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